

ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a
community of radical welcome
that follows Jesus into the
streets of the city to increase
the amount of love and justice
in the world.

K Karpen
Lea Matthews
Andrea Steinkamp
Pastors

**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**
Holy Communion

May 5, 2024
at 11 am



Love Wins at General Conference!

Sunday, May 5, 2024 ♦ 6th Sunday of Easter

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

Over My Head / In the Morning

African American Spirituals, arr. by Frank Glass (2021)

Introit

Womb of Life and Source of Being (pg. 4, v. 1-2)

Call to Worship♦

from enfleshed

Nancy Meyers

One: The Love of God

is groundwater, oxygen—

Many: Around us, within us, beyond us.

One: The Love of God

is disruptive, subversive—

Many: tangled with the heartbreak of the world.

One: The Love of God

Many: is spacious, expansive—

One: wilder than the categories we've constructed
to try and tame creation.

Many: Come, the Love of God wells up—

One: everpresent, liberating,

Many: washing away our narrow imaginations.

Opening Hymn♦

The Summons (pg. 5, v. 1-3)

Opening Prayer

Nancy Meyers

Prayer Song

Word of Life and Source of Being (pg. 4, v. 3-4)

Reading

Jon Deak

From And: The Restorative Power of Love in an Either/Or World (pg. 6)

by Felicia Murell

Message for All Ages

Ekama Eni

*Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the scripture,
kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Youth Room (3rd Fl).*

Hymn

The Summons (pg. 5, v. 4-5)

Gospel Reading

Aurora Celestin

John 15: 9-17 (pg. 7)

Gospel Song

Easter People, Raise Your Voices (pg. 6, v. 1-2)

Sermon	Andrea Steinkamp “Love Dares”
Sung Response ♦	Easter People, Raise Your Voices (pg. 6, v. 3)
Welcome Passing the Peace♦	K Karpen The Congregation Please share a word of peace with those around you
Peace Song ♦	Alleluia! Alleluia!
Love in Action	Lea Matthews (pg. 12)
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 11) Choir There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy Frederick Faber (1862) & Frank Glass (2017)
Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (pg. 7)
Great Thanksgiving	K Karpen, Pearl Vercruysse (pg. 8)
Sharing of the Bread & Cup	The Congregation
Prayer After Receiving	Pearl Vercruysse
Sending Hymn ♦	He Lives! (pg. 9)
Benediction♦	Andrea Steinkamp
Postlude	Frank Glass Palms of Victory John Matthias (1836)
Livestream	Brent Ness (director), Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (video)
Audio	Hector Pagan
Counters	Linda Bloom
Greeters	Erna Daniels, Carla Mikell
Childcare	Childcare (ages 1-3) with AI-Naima Finch is available <i>Check in with AI at the reception desk at W86th Entrance.</i>

Womb of Life and Source of Being



1. Womb of life and source of be-ing, hope of ev - 'ry rest-less heart, in your
2. Word in flesh, our bro-ther Je - sus, born to bring us sec-ond birth, you have



arms the worlds a - wak-ened. You have loved us from the start. We, your
come to stand be-side us, know ing weak-ness, know-ing earth. Priest who



child - ren, gath-er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar-ing
shares our hu-man strug-gles, Life of Life, and Death of Death, Ris - en



stor - ies, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us. Send the Spi - rit by your breath.

3. Brooding Spirit, move among us. Be our partner, be our friend.

When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.

Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,

Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

4. Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Parent, Spirit, Only Son,

We would praise your name forever, One in Three and Three in One.

We would share your life, your passion; share your word of world made new,

Ever singing, ever praising, one with all and one with you.

Words: Ruth Duck, 1986/1990

Music: Frank Glass, 2022

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?___ Will you
2. Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?___ Will you
3. Will you take the sight to see if I but call your name?___ Will you



go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?___ Will you let my
care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?___ Will you risk the
set the pris - ners free and nev - er be the same?___ Will you wash the



love be shown?___ Will you let my name be known?___ Will you
hos - tile stare,___ should your life at - tract or scare?___ Will you
wound - ed clean___ and do such a thing un - seen,___ and ad -



let my life be grown in you and you in me?___
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?___
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?___

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

WORDS: John Bell, 1987, *altered*
MUSIC: Traditional Scottish Tune

From *And: The Restorative Power of Love in an Either/Or World* by Felicia Murrell

If hurting is based on seeing
all that is not myself
as other
then, I fully want to see.
into the waters I go,
to be reborn,
baptized in infinite grace,
Immersed in infinite Love,
swept up in the tide of infinite mercy,
The infinite limitlessness of the
Ground of All Being,

an unending shore,
constantly inviting me
to awaken to the infinite.
I am that which has always existed within me:
no division
no separation
holy whole - each chasm bridged,
every fragment forged into home.
I see what always was.
There is nothing outside myself
that is not me.
We are woven together for eternity.

Easter People Raise Your Voices



1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voi - ces! Sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing here be - low.
3. Ev - 'ry day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur - rec - tion song.



Christ has brought us hea - ven's choi - ces. Heav'n - ly mu - sic, — let it ring!
For our Lord em - pow - ered us to tri - umph ov - er — ev - 'ry foe.
When in trou - ble, move the fas - ter to our God, who rights the wrong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - t'ry now we go!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the pow'r of heav'n - ly throngs.

William James, 1979

Henry Smart, 1867

Gospel Reading: John 15: 9-17 THE INCLUSIVE BIBLE

As my Abba has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low! Al-le-'. The second staff continues: 'lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise'. The third staff continues: 'Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spi - rit, Ho - ly'. The fourth staff concludes: 'Spi - rit! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Thomas Ken (1674), adapted by Gilbert Vieira (1979)

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge* (1623), harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the one who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together

To the One who gathers us to the table, we give thanks and praise

[...] Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

**Holy, holy, holy One,
God of justice and love,
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder.
Hosanna, among us.**

[...] In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us

Christ was killed among us

Christ rises again among us

[...] In collective longing for a taste of your Kin-dom on earth, we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy Kindom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

This morning, communion will be offered at distribution stations at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will invite the congregation forward and to receive the elements, stand with your palms open in front of you. If you wish to receive a blessing, rather than communion, simply cross your arms across your chest. After receiving communion or a blessing, you are welcome to pray at the altar rail before returning to your seat. If you need or prefer to receive communion where you are seated in a pew, raise a hand to an usher and we will bring the elements to you. In the cup, we offer grape juice, and if you would like gluten free bread, please ask your communion server.

He Lives!

Alfred Ackley, 1933



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, who's in the world to - day. — I know that he is
3. Re-joyce, re-joyce, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing — e - ter - nal hal - le -



liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say. — I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of
lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King! — The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who



cheer. And just the time I need him, he's al - ways near. — He lives, — he lives, — Christ
find. — No oth - er is so lov - ing, — so good and kind. —



Je - sus lives to - day! — He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. — He



lives, — he lives. — sal - va - tion to im - part. — You



ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart! —

Sunday Worship



LaMP Cookout & Midnight Pancakes



General Conference in Charlotte



Gifts & Offerings

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.



Prayer requests

Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

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Putting Love in Action

New Members Class Our new member class is a chance for you to get to know St. Paul & St. Andrew and for us to get to know you better. Bring your questions, curiosities, and wonderings. Our next class will take place on May 5 after worship, with new members being received on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Email Pastor Lea* to RSVP.

Church Council Meeting on Monday, May 6 at 6pm, including a recap from this year's General Conference in Charlotte.
Zoom: 868 3756 0831

Change of Venue Training this training offered by Manhattan's Legal Aid will train volunteers on general immigration 101 and completing Change of Venue forms. Email Pastor Lea* to Zoom details.
May 7 at 4pm

United Women in Faith Monthly meeting on Zoom *May 18 at 11am*

WSCAH Rocks the Block The 3rd annual spring block party – a fun filled day where you can make an impact. Last year, more than 1,000 attendees packed enough food for 20,000 meals. Register at tinyurl.com/wscahrtp
Sun, May 19 12-4pm

Ongoing Programs

Choir meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

Campus Ministry on break until September. Email Ekama* for additional details.

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923
Phone: 646-931-3860

Pilates with Nancy a strengthening & stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays, 5:30pm. Email Brent* for details.

Kids & Families Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings. Our next Faith & Fun Friday is May 10.

Youth Group Email Pastor Ekama* (see page 12 for email) for details on upcoming gatherings.

Young Adults Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings and our popular Zoom dialogues.

Volunteer Opportunities

Assisting Our New Neighbors

Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands (tinyurl.com/spsamiraclemon). Next accepting clothing on Sunday, May 5.

Homework Help Tutoring Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

Other Good Stuff in the Building In the West End Theatre wetnyc.org

Bedlam's *Do More: New Plays* continues tomorrow with a reading of *Supposed Home* by Sam Hamashima, May 6 at 7pm, Reserve free tix at bedlam.org/do-more-new-plays-2024

Camerata Notturna Performing Brahms masterful Symphony #1, Francaix's neo-classical Oboe Concerto (w/ soloist Ryan Roberts), and Haydn's Symphony #88. Earl Lee conducts. *Sat, May 11 at 8pm*

Brearley Singers For the group's 30th Anniversary concert, the ensemble performs Brahms *A German Requiem with orchestra Fri, May 16 at 8pm*